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NARRATIVES FROM THE WAR

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It is proposed to name the loftiest peak of the Canadian Rockies Mount Cavell, in memory of Edith Cavell. Its present name, Mount Robson, has lost its significance, no one knowing its origin.

Vivienne Tremaine, matron of No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Hospital, France, was sent to England with King George after his recent accident. She cared for him immediately after it happened. The King said, "Miss Tremaine is a good nurse; I should like her to stay." She is a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital.

An underground receiving station for wounded, behind the British firing line, is described as roofed with brick arches, whitewashed. The entrance is a huge hole made by a shell, protected by sand bags. The cases come in down a well-greased barrel slide; after treatment they are carried up a slope, over rubbish, to the cars. Each stretcher case is laid on trestles under the one strong acetylene lamp. The other lights are candles and a hurricane lamp. The patients are given water and the severe cases, meat extract.

Lady Ralph Paget, who has been nursing in the Red Cross Hospital at Uskub, Serbia, rather than desert the wounded under her care, refused the opportunity to escape from the city before its capture by the Bulgarians and was taken prisoner. Her husband came from Nish in a motor car and implored her to return with him to safety. Dr. Catherine Travis, a Canadian, and several American doctors remained also.

Canadian nurses have been sent from Malta and other points to care for the wounded at Saloniki.

It is stated that tetanus in the army is now as completely under control as typhoid. Injections of anti-tetanic serum are given to every soldier whose wound has been exposed to infection. This is usually done at the first-aid station.

The Turkish government has informed the State Department at Washington that the American Red Cross will not be permitted to send surgeons and nurses to the aid of the Armenians of the Turkish Empire. The number of this unfortunate people thus far massacred by Turkish soldiers, or sold into harems, is estimated at over 850,000.

The Countess Szechenyi, *née* Gladys Vanderbilt, has turned her

palace on the Andrassy, Budapest, into an orphanage for 300 children whose fathers have been killed in the war. Whenever the Countess appears, the children surround her, calling her Mother Gladys.

Mlle. Emilienne Moreau has been given the French War Cross for brave conduct during the bombardment of Loos. Later she was received by President Poincare.

The *Anglia*, a British hospital ship, foundered in the English Channel, not far from land. It is stated in the English papers that the nurses worked with splendid devotion. They gave no thought to their own safety but worked with the men to transfer their patients to the waiting boats. The end came with dramatic suddenness. With wounded, nurses, doctors and sailors clinging to the stern, the *Anglia* seemed for one brief second to stand on her bows, then disappeared. It is supposed that she struck a mine. 300 out of 385 on board were saved.

The French soldier whose confession to the German authorities resulted in the arrest and execution of Edith Cavell, has committed suicide by hanging in the military prison at Brussels.

King George has instituted a new decoration for nurses, styled the Royal Red Cross, to be awarded for special service to the sick and wounded of the army and navy. The first class badge is a red enamel cross edged with gold, with Faith, Hope, Charity on the arms. In the centre is a portrait of the King; on the reverse side is the royal cipher and crown. Recipients of this order use the letters R. R. C. after their names. The cross of the second class is of frosted silver with a Maltese cross of red enamel in the centre. Its recipients are known as Associates of the Royal Red Cross.

The Cologne *Gazette* states that at the request of the Pope the Kaiser has commuted the death sentence on the Countess Jeanne de Belleville and Mme. Louise Thulier to imprisonment for life. They were condemned at the same time as Edith Cavell.

French soldiers wear small, close-fitting steel helmets which have reduced the casualties due to wounds of the head 75 per cent. Plates of specially toughened steel are sewn into tunics over the heart, and large bullet-proof breast-plates are used in the dashes from trench to trench.

The Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide of Luxemburg has retired to a convent because of grief over the occupation of the Duchy of Luxemburg by the Prussians. She has renounced her title and relinquished the civil authority to her younger sister. The Grand Duchess is a young and charming woman.